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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE115634  
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Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE CONTAINING  
UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's final action dated April 18, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-10, 26-35, and 51-56 and amend Claims 11, 24, 25, 36, and 57 as shown below:

11. (Twice Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
- (a) a liquid pervious topsheet;
  - (b) an absorbent composite, comprising a first stratum, a second stratum, and a transition zone intermediate and coextensive with the first stratum and the second stratum;
- the first stratum comprising hydrophobic fibers and a binder;
- the second stratum comprising a binder and fibers selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic fibers, hydrophobic fibers, and mixtures thereof; and

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